

Indiana Volkssport Association
August 22, 2015
Abe Martin Lodge, Brown County State Park
1:30PM

1. The meeting was called to order by President Cliff Terry at 1:30PM. He welcomed everyone. The roll call was taken by Secretary Cheryl Elser. In attendance:

Cliff Terry	INVA President
Cheryl Elser	INVA Secretary
Bob Buzolich	INVA Treasurer
Tom Martin	INVA Member at Large
Linda Neu	Mid-America Regional Director

Liz Winsley	3 Rivers Strollers
Clarence Wright	Indy "G" Walkers
Carolyn Armacost	Indy "G" Walkers
Stan Neu	River City Ramblers
Charlie Frisinger	Hoosier Hikers
Tom Martin	Goodtime Trailblazers
Jim Mount	Bedford Hiking Club
Rowena Mount	Bedford Hiking Club
Carol Parkinson	Bloomington Flying Fish
Linda Woods	Bloomington Flying Fish

Guests:

B. Dawn Gruber	OVA President
Cindy Hilling	Heart of Ohio Walkers

2. Minutes from the May meeting were approved as printed.
3. The Treasurer's report was given by Bob Buzolich and approved, subject to audit. Balance is \$8,167.62. All filings are up to date. After action report for Shakamak State Park - May 9, 2015
Profit of \$73.69
4. Elections for 2015 - 2017 INVA Officers resulted in the following officers:

INVA President - Cheryl Elser
INVA Vice-President - Cliff Terry
INVA Secretary - Liz Winsley
INVA Treasurer - Bob Buzolich
INVA Member at Large - Tom Martin

All votes were cast unanimously to the Secretary.
Cliff Terry clarified that the new officers take over at the next INVA meeting in December.

5. Awards - presented by Linda Neu

30th Anniversary of INVA

Cliff Terry

Sue Ann Blessing

Jim Blessing

Janice Gates

Tom Martin

6. Regional Report - given by Linda Neu

A. Convention - will make money due mostly to the Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffles

B. Non-Walk Policy - Mid-America and Northeast Regions only regions where all clubs did at least one traditional event. Policy is that clubs will be billed \$50 at end of year if no traditional events are done.

C. Per Participant Sanctioning - more info will be forthcoming in the TAW and Check Point. There is a 2 year trial for this program. It needs to be decided at time of sanctioning, as PPS needs a special form, and will not be financially worthwhile if event has more than 12 participants. It can be used for both Year Arouns and Traditional events. All PPS sanctions are decided by the Regional Director.

D. The Strategic Planning Committee - Deb Kruep from IL is the representative for the Mid-America Region and Linda is asking everyone to support her. She will be sending out surveys to be shared to all clubs. There is a report due from the committee in October, and part of the plan will be revealed by January, 2016.

E. Information Technology Committee - Work should be completed by the end of the year. Karen at AVA is working on this.

F. Bikes - There is a greater interest in biking events. If you want to be involved in trials or have any questions, contact Tom Jackson, the Atlantic Regional Director

Reminders: There is a short distance trail - 13K, and a long distance trail - 25K. In marking a bike trail, you should use a large sign for a turn around, since bikers travel faster than walkers. Also, you can use a walking book for occasional bikes, but need a biking book for more frequent bikes.

G. Boating - There is the possibility for both out and back and linear boating events. The same rules apply for each.

H. 40th Anniversary of Volkssporting - This event will be celebrated in Fredricksburg, TX the weekend of June 10 - 12, 2016. Special walking, biking, and swimming events are planned in addition to the 6 YREs around Fredreicksburg. The NEC meeting will be held the same weekend. All are welcome!

I. Accidents on the Trail - Fill out an accident report for all accidents and notify the AVA and your RD. Send them the accident report, copy of the walk brochure, start card, and a police report, if there is one.

J. Requests from Staff:

1. Fill out the front of your reporting books.
2. Clubs can send back books in good condition for credit, but there is a 15% re-stocking fee.
3. There is a 30-day response time for ordering books.
4. Stamps - please remove tape from stamps and clean them before returning to AVA.
5. When mailing the stamp back, put tracking on it to verify AVA receives it, or you may be subject to a \$25 lost stamp fee.

K. Affiliations - The August CheckPoint had an article about affiliations with other organizations. This is not allowed, as it might jeopardize your club's 501C3 status, as well as everyone else's under

the AVA umbrella.

7. Mid-America Conference (Oct. 30 - Nov. 1) in Columbus, OH
INVA will man the Start/finish table for the Saturday walk.
INVA will collect items for a silent auction basket (Cliff has a basket)
So far, there are 18 pre-registrants and 11 rooms rented.

2016 Mid-America Conference update:

Dates are Oct. 28 - Oct. 30, 2016 in Indianapolis.

Walk locations are undecided but will not be in Ft. Harrison State Park, due to high fees. Other locations suggested were Butler University campus and Downtown Indy on Sunday, due to free parking.

Hotels are being researched in the Castleton/96th St. area.

8. Auburn Duesey Walkers deactivation - The e-postcard for 2014 has been sent to the IRS and approved. An additional one will need to be filed for part of 2015. The final Financial Report has been filed to AVA and all assets have been turned over to 3 Rivers Strollers. The Year Around and other 2 walks on the rest of 2015's schedule have been taken over by 3 Rivers Strollers.
The current INVA Schedule should read Sept. 7 for the Mackinac Bridge walk rather than Sept. 5.

9. Meet Up Update: There are 544 members throughout the 3 websites.
There have been 57 Meet Up walks in Indianapolis, 11 in Fort Wayne, and 16 in Evansville. It is proposed to have INVA continue to fund the site (\$180 per year)

Girl Scout program update: The first year has been completed. Four walks were completed in 2014 (from October to end of year), and six in 2015, ending with the Brown County State Park walk. Sixteen Girl Scouts won their medals for having completed 6 walks. The program will not continue for a second year due to communication problems with the Girl Scout council.

10. 2016 Event schedule

Cliff praised all clubs for renewing their YREs ahead of the Aug. 31 deadline. Get your dates for Traditional events to Cliff soon.

The INVA DNR sites for 2016: Dates to be determined

Shades

Chain 'O Lakes

Lincoln

Summit Lake

The reduced fees for DNR headers in Don Vartanian's honor will be revisited and decided at the December meeting.

11. Other Business

A. The proposed Ft. Custer Recreation Area walk/Don Vartanian Memorial in Michigan was turned over to Tom Martin for further research.

B. The e-mail contact list was updated for the benefit of the new INVA Secretary.

C. Rowena Mount thanked the out-going officers for their hard work.

12. The next INVA meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Indianapolis, IN at 1:30PM.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15PM. Cake and ice cream was served in celebration of INVA's 30th Anniversary.

Reminders:

A. Sanction events - 90 days in advance

B. Brochures - 70 days in advance of events

C. Instructions and maps are required for YREs

D. Keep start box stocked (instructions, maps, envelopes)

E. E-postcard filing, officer updates, financial reports.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl L. Elser, Secretary